



Comments to the Florida Public Service Commission

June 23, 2015

Re: Solar Energy in Florida – Request for Comments

NRDC is a non-profit membership organization with over 19,000 members in Florida and over 2.2 million members and activists nationwide, and a long-standing interest in minimizing the societal costs of the reliable energy services that a healthy economy requires. We have participated in utility commission proceedings and legislative campaigns across the country, with a particular focus on the utility industry's delivery of cost-effective energy efficiency programs, renewable energy resources of all sizes, and other sustainable energy alternatives.

We welcome the Commission's interest in developing solar technologies in the Sunshine State. As is well known, solar energy has been growing across the nation at exponential rates. In 2014 solar power grew a record 6.2 gigawatts—up 34% from the previous year. This represented close to \$18 billion in new investment according to the Solar Energy Industry Association. Indeed solar energy's growth is showing no signs of slowing down, and the next two years are expected to double current installed capacity. We are hopeful that—through the adoption and effective implementation of a smart suite of solar policies—the Sunshine state can

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become a leader in solar energy in the Southeast and in the nation. We look forward to working with the Commission and other parties to make sure we get there.

Submitted,

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